

EDMONSTON NEWS



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July/ August 2015 Edition

Recent Happenings at the Town Council

Mayor and City Council Happenings for July:

1. Approved Resolution 2015-R-03 establishing guidelines for the Town of Edmonston's merit pay system.
2. Approved an agreement with the Maryland Capital National Park and Planning Commission for the establishment of a community garden on land adjacent to 47th Avenue Park.
3. Approved applying for a \$200,000 grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust to solve storm water management issues on Tanglewood and Buchanan.
4. Approved the authorization to request bids for the annual grounds maintenance contract. The bid closing date is August 28, 2015 at 11:00 A.M.
5. Approved Resolution 2015-R-04 supporting the Prince George's County Municipal Collaboration for the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's Community Legacy and the Maryland Energy Administration –LMI grant proposal for 2016.
6. Declared the following equipment as surplus and authorized disposing of the items on govdeals.com:
 - 2006 Chevrolet Impala
 - 2005 Chevrolet Colorado Pickup

Acontecimientos Recientes del Consejo:

Durante el mes de Julio las siguientes acciones pasaron:

1. La aprobación de la resolución 2015-R-03 que establece las pautas para la ciudad del sistema de la paga de mérito de Edmonston.
2. Aprobó un acuerdo con Maryland Capital National Park and Planning Commission para el establecimiento de un jardín de la comunidad en tierra adyacente al parque de la 47 avenida.
3. Se aprobó la solicitud de una concesión \$200,000 al Chesapeake Bay Trust para solucionar problemas de manejo de aguas de lluvia en Tanglewood y Buchanan.
4. Se autorizo la solicitud de propuestas para el contrato del mantenimiento de terrenos y jardines. La fecha límite para someter una propuesta es el 28 de agosto de 2015 a las 11:00 mañana.
5. La aprobación de la resolución 2015-R-04 que establece el apoyo a la colaboración municipal del Condado de Prince Georges y el Departamento de vivienda y desarrollo comunitario de de Maryland y la Administración de Energía de Maryland para una concesión para 2016.

6. Declaró el equipo siguiente como exceso y autorizó disponer de los artículos en govdeals.com:
- 2006 Chevrolet Impala
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Edmonston Green Team informs:

GREEN TEAM NEWS.....EDMONSTON IN BLOOM INITIATIVE

Two judges of the America in Bloom program spent two days in Edmonston evaluating the community in the areas of overall impression, urban forestry, landscape design, floral display, historical preservation and environmental efforts. The visit was in response to our Green Team's initiative to be part of the nationally recognized program.

The results of the evaluation will be given during the AIB symposium to be held in September in Holland, Michigan.

Edmonston was nominated for an Outstanding Achievement Award in the environmental category. In addition, a YouTube video is being produced by two local students that markets the Town and demonstrates the benefits of the America in Bloom program.

During the visit Mayor Gant, staff and members of the Edmonston Green Team were able to showcase the areas where Edmonston lives up to its motto of "Green is not only our color, but our way of life."

We also would like to express our gratitude to our many sponsors for this event:

Martin Industrial, Community Forklift, Love and Carrots, ECO City Farms, David Tana, Metro Grounds Management Company, La Fondita Restaurant and the Town of Edmonston Council and staff.

Edmonston's Green Team will be participating in the America In Bloom program again in 2016. Watch for more details.



Mayor Gant and the America In Bloom judges, Leslie Pittenger and Tony Ferrara, learn about glass blowing from Mr. Steve Jones, D.C. Glassworks (above)

Eloisa Guzman of La Fondita Restaurant hosts the judges during their visit (left)

Maryland Municipal League President-elect!



CONGRATULATIONS to our **Mayor, Tracy R. Gant**, on her election as President-elect of the Maryland Municipal League at the recent annual conference held in Ocean City, Maryland.

Mayor Gant is a member of the Municipal Officials Hall of Fame, having served the Town of Edmonston as a Council Member for 22 years. She will be spending the year serving on the Maryland Municipal League Board of Directors and assisting newly inducted President, Spencer Schlosnagle, Mayor of Friendsville.

Mayor Gant was the Chair of the Communication Committee for MML this past year and served on the Board of Directors.

Mayor Gant is the first African American woman to lead the 157-member municipal government organization.

Edmonston Day Celebration...

On June 20th the Town of Edmonston celebrated its 91st birthday! The celebration included a parade with bands, fire trucks, elected officials, police vehicles, candidates running for election and a small train for children to ride on. It concluded at the Edmonston Recreation Center where we had a stage set up for musicians and performances (thanks to M-NCPPC), various booths vendors offered food and products throughout the day.

We also had several informational booths: WSSC, The Board of Elections, Port Towns Community Health Partnership, ECO City Farms, Community Forklift, New York Life and the Edmonston Police Department all offered valuable information to attendees.

Children and adults enjoyed Red's Reptiles show and their exhibit of a variety of animals. Thanks to a donation made by one of our local businesses, Berliner Distributors, all attendees had free ice cream.

There were children's activities offered by the staff of Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

It was an exciting day for celebrating the birthday of Edmonston. Happy 91st Birthday!!!!



Los Tequanes of Riverdale and the Panamanian Marching band participated in the Edmonston Day Parade .



Mayor Malinda Miles of Mount Rainier participates in the Edmonston Day parade.

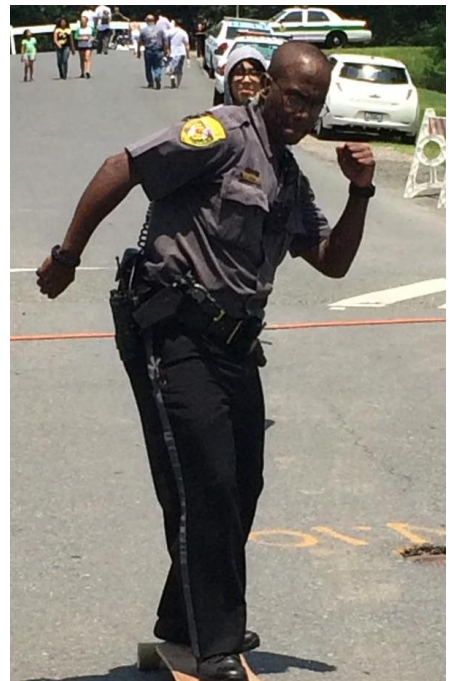


Red's Reptiles was a favorite at the Edmonston Day celebration



Staff from the M-NCPPC offered face painting for Edmonston Day!

One of Edmonston's finest enjoying the day!



From the Office of the Chief of Police

Edmonston Police Activity: The following is a list of activities officers initiated or in which they received a call requesting service or assistance for the Month of June 2015.

Police Department Activity	Occurring in June 2015	May 2015
Criminal, Civil Citation, Traffic & Warrant Svc. Arrests	5	7
Traffic Arrests (other than DWI)	1	0
Drive While Intoxicated Arrests	0	1
Maryland Moving Violations Issued	48	78
Parking Citations	18	36
Recovered Stolen Autos	2	0
Traffic Violation Warnings	74	67
Vehicle Impounds	12	11
Vehicle Safety Repair Orders	23	36
(not all calls for service result in written reports)		
Calls for accidents	7	5
Armed Suspects	0	0
Assaults	0	0
Assist Fire Dept/Other Agency/Code Enforcement	21	48
Burglar Alarms	1	3
Breaking & Entering Residential	0	0
Breaking & Entering Commercial	1	0
Carjacking	0	0
Check on Welfare of Resident	0	3
Customer Dispute Call	3	4
Death Investigation Call	0	0
Disorderly Persons	4	5
Domestic Disturbance	7	9
Fight in Progress	1	0
Hold up Alarm	1	0
Homicide	0	0
Landlord Tenant Dispute	1	0
Loud Noise Complaint	3	5
Robbery	0	0
Calls for Sounds of Gunshots	0	1
Stolen Auto	1	3
Suspicious Persons	1	11
Suspicious Vehicles	2	6
Theft	11	3
Calls for Unknown Trouble	0	4
Vandalism	2	1
Calls for 911 Hang-ups	2	2
Miscellaneous	0	30
Total Calls for Service	0	144

Back to School Safety

Retrieved from: <http://www.nsc.org/learn/safety-knowledge/Pages/back-to-school-safety-tips-for-drivers.aspx>

Slow Down: Back to School Means Sharing the Road

Things get a little crazy on the roads during the school year: Buses are everywhere, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings, and harried parents are trying to drop their kids off before work.

It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school.



If You're Dropping Off

Schools often have very specific drop-off procedures for the school year. Make sure you know them for the safety of all kids. More children are hit by cars near schools than at any other location, according to the National Safe Routes to School program. The following apply to all school zones:

- Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles
- Don't load or unload children across the street from the school
- Carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school

Sharing the Road with Young Pedestrians

According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old, and they're walking. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus. A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic
- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas
- Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians
- Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians wherever they may be, no matter who has the right of way

Sharing the Road with School Buses

If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

- Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop

- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus
- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks

Sharing the Road with Bicyclists

On most roads, bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as vehicles, but bikes can be hard to see. Children riding bikes create special problems for drivers because usually they are not able to properly determine traffic conditions. The most common cause of collision is a driver turning left in front of a bicyclist.

- When passing a bicyclist, proceed in the same direction slowly, and leave 3 feet between your car and the cyclist
- When turning left and a bicyclist is approaching in the opposite direction, wait for the rider to pass
- If you're turning right and a bicyclist is approaching from behind on the right, let the rider go through the intersection first, and always use your turn signals
- Watch for bike riders turning in front of you without looking or signaling; children especially have a tendency to do this
- Be extra vigilant in school zones and residential neighborhoods
- Watch for bikes coming from driveways or behind parked cars
- Check side mirrors before opening your door

By exercising a little extra care and caution, drivers and pedestrians can co-exist safely in school zones.

**Remember School Starts on
Tuesday, August 25, 2015**



Uniform drive

Now that the school's summer vacation is about to start, it is a great time to go through your children's school uniforms and check whether they have been outgrown. Have you also thought of donating them to Rogers Heights Elementary School's "Recycle the School Uniform Drive"?

Please bring any used and clean school uniforms to either the school or the Edmonston Town Hall for drop off. Your donations are greatly appreciated, as your act would help other families and the environment.

We look forward to your support.



Wellness Ambassadors Health Policy Advocacy Summer Camp program

The Town of Edmonston has two interns this summer from the End Time Harvest Ministries Wellness Ambassadors Health Policy Advocacy Summer Camp program. The theme for the camp is “Connecting Storm Water Management to Health.” Pictured here are student interns Fawziyah Alebiosu, a junior at Bladensburg High School, PGC Director of Environment Adam Ortiz and Gerardo Rojas-Vasquez, a senior at Bladensburg High School.



The students have been busy inventorying the Town’s storm water system. They have entered information in the computer database for the Port Towns Community Health Partnership and they have been developing a YouTube video highlighting the benefits of the America in Bloom program. The video will be used as a marketing tool. Fawziyah and Gerardo spend Wednesday afternoons at the Anacostia Watershed Society learning about how storm water management directly impacts the health of our community.

Free Seminar and Orientation Opportunities

Learn about How Your Home Can Qualify for a Prince George’s County Raincheck Rebate

**Saturday, August 1, 10 a.m. to Noon
47th Avenue and Hamilton Street, Edmonston**

Join the Town of Edmonston’s Green Team as they host the Prince George’s County Department of the Environment (DOE) to learn more about Raincheck Rebates for your home. DOE will be conducting a storm water audit on a home.

You will learn how your home would benefit from rain barrels, rain gardens and permeable pavement. DOE will also show how you can recoup part of the cost of these measures through the Prince George’s County Department of the Environment’s Raincheck Rebate Program.

With this workshop, you can then do a storm water audit on your home and calculate how you can help the Chesapeake Bay and get a Raincheck Rebate from Prince George’s County.

This is a free class. Please RSVP by Wednesday, July 29, by contacting the Town of Edmonston’s Green Team at (301) 699-8806.

Class on Raising Vegetables in Containers Saturday, August 15 from 10 a.m. to Noon

Saturday, August 15, 10 a.m. to Noon
Edmonston Recreation Center, 5100 Tanglewood Drive, Edmonston

Live in an apartment, townhome or small lot?

You can still have fresh vegetables by raising them in containers.

Christian Melendez, Founding Farmer/Educator, will be showing how you can raise healthy vegetables in containers that are self-watering. This class is free to residents of Edmonston, Bladensburg, Cottage City and Colmar Manor and is being hosted by Edmonston's Green Team.

For more information, contact the Town of Edmonston's Green Team at (301) 699-8806.

Port Towns Farmers Market



The Port Towns Farmers Market is Open!
Now open Saturdays from 10:00a - 1:00p

ECO City Farms has been working hard over the months to start a new farmers market in the heart of a food desert area. All that work has resulted in the new:

Port Towns Farmers Market
at 5801 Emerson Street,
Bladensburg, Md.

We need your help to make this market a success and support our new vendors!
Stop by and make the market part of your Saturday!

Market Features

The market is focused on making healthy, locally produced food accessible for all!

Market vendors take **WIC, Farmers Market Fruit and Vegetable Checks** and customers can use **SNAP/EBT** to buy eligible foods. Find out how to cooking healthy can be affordable at one of our **Food Cooking Demonstrations**. Kids can learn and have fun too at our **Kids Activity Table**.



FRESH LOCALLY GROWN VEGETABLES & FRUITS



LOCAL FARMS
ARTISAN FOOD



KIDS ACTIVITIES, ENTERTAINMENT & MUSIC

CRAFTS & JEWELRY

FAMILY FUN & FRIENDS!



CLEAN WATER CLEAR CHOICES

**Learn how to manage and
reduce stormwater pollution
around the home. Join us for
a hands-on stormwater audit.**

***NOTE:** *Spaces are limited
so be sure to register early*



Andrew L. Baker, III
County Executive



**STORMWATER
AUDIT**

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 1
10AM - 12PM**

**47th Avenue and
Hamilton
Edmonston, MD**

For more information or
to register, contact:
**The Town of
Edmonston's Green Team
@ (301) 699-8806**

Sponsored by Prince George's County Department of the Environment and the Town of Edmonston's Green Team.

Ban on Plastic bag Recycling

Prince George's County Department of the Environment has established that starting on July 1, 2015, plastic bags of any color, size or shape and plastic film WILL NO longer be accepted in the Prince George's County Residential Curbside Single-Stream Recycling Program. The plastic bags and plastic film that are currently placed into the single-stream recycling program are NOT being recycled and end up as landfill waste. The County strongly encourages residents to use reusable bags in lieu of using plastic bags

Here's what NOT to recycle: ►



- Any grocery, retail or trash plastic bag
- Bread bags
- Dry cleaning bags
- Fruit and vegetable bags (fresh/frozen)
- Garden product bags (soil/mulch)
- Newspaper bags
- Outer wrap from paper towel, napkin and diaper packages
- Outer wrap from cases of soda, juice and snacks
- Zipper or stand-up pouches, bubble or cling wrap
- Crinkle bags for cereal, pasta or snack bags
- Outer wrap from meat or cheese products

Interdicción en el reciclaje del bolso plástico

El Departamento de ambiente del Condado de Prince Georges ha establecido que al partir del primero de Julio del 2015, no se aceptara bolsas o cubierta plásticas de ningún tipo en el programa de reciclaje de condado. Esas cubiertas y bolsas no se aceptan y terminan siendo parte de la basura corriente. El condado les urge a no utilizar las bosas recicladas en vez de los de plástico.

- Cualquier bolso plástico de tienda, supermercado o de la basura
- Bolso de pan
- Cubiertos plásticos de ropa
- Bolsas de frutas o vegetales (frezados o frescos)
- Productos de Jardín (tierra o mulch)
- Cuberturas de periódicos y/o revistas
- Cubierta exterior de bebidas o meriendas.
- Bolsa plasticos de cereales y pastas
- Cubiertas de carnes y de quesos
- Cubierta exterior de productos de papel tales como (papel toalla, sanitario y servilletas)

Mosquito Control Information

The Maryland Department of Agriculture will continue to emphasize modern pest management principles in their mosquito control programs. Abatement efforts will include major emphasis on control at the source (larviciding) whenever possible.

- Property owners are encouraged to remove any unnecessary water holding containers.
- Spraying for adult mosquitoes will be based strictly on results from standardized surveillance methods.
- The Town of Edmonston is scheduled for adult mosquito surveillance and possible spraying on Tuesdays nights.
- Adulticiding will begin June 1, 2015, and will run through September 17, 2015.
- The action threshold is 3 female mosquitoes in 2 minutes in a landing rate count or 24 female mosquitoes in a baited light trap. This will influence the amount of spraying done for adult mosquitoes.
- Due to the variable weather conditions and other factors, surveillance or spraying is not guaranteed to be done in any given week, even if complaints have been received.

There has been a surge in the urban mosquito population due to the introduction of the **Asian tiger mosquito, “ATM.”** The **Asian tiger mosquito** displays a strong preference for breeding in small man-made containers such as flower pots, trash cans, tires, buckets, etc.

- The Asian tiger mosquito does not breed in wetlands or waterways. Given its breeding habits and its very short flight range of less than a quarter mile, the source of an Asian tiger mosquito can typically be found in one’s backyard.
- Asian tiger mosquito’s association with human habitation and persistent daytime biting make the Asian tiger mosquito a particularly troubling mosquito in urban and suburban settings.

Program staff can assist residents by identifying actual Asian tiger mosquito breeding containers, but it is the resident’s responsibility to use this information to locate and eliminate additional breeding sites on their property.

Individuals, communities and businesses are strongly urged to take a proactive stance in the fight against the Asian tiger mosquito.

To report sites of suspected or known mosquito breeding on public property, complaints can be faxed to: fax# **301- 422-0502.**

Mosquito Control Field Office, 301-422-5080 or visit the website at: www.mda.maryland.gov



FREE FOOD

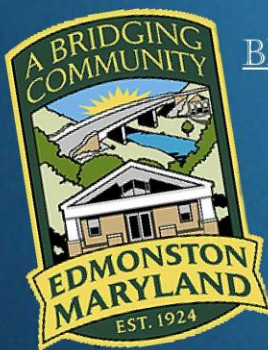


FREE MUSIC



AUGUST 4TH
FROM 4PM TO 8PM

if there is bad weather the date will
move to August 8th from 4pm-8pm



BLADENSBURG WATERFRONT PARK

4601 Annapolis Road
Bladensburg, MD 20710

SEE BACK FOR BUS PICK UP



BUS PICK UP LOCATIONS

BLADENSBURG

4500 57th Avenue

Bladensburg, Md 20710

COLMAR MANOR

3701 Lawrence St

Colmar Manor, MD 20722

COTTAGE CITY

3820 40th Ave

Cottage City, MD 20722

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5100 Tanglewood Drive

Edmonston, MD 20781

Need a Car?

The Town of Edmonston is selling surplus vehicles!

Go to www.govdeals.com for more information. Search for Edmonston Police Department to view and bid on vehicles.



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! Noticias en Español!

Saturday, August 1	Storm Water Audit Workshop – 47 th Ave. and Hamilton
Tuesday, August 4	National Night Out Bladensburg Waterfront Park
Saturday, August 15	Container Farming Town Hall
Monday, September 7	Labor Day Office Closed
Weds. September 9	Town Council Meeting 7pm Town Hall

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